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Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed a press release dated February 10, 2004:

Frans Cremers To retire as member of the Executive Board and as CFO of VNU

With kind regards,

VNU by

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Press release

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February 10, 2004

FRANS CREMERS TO RETIRE AS MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND AS CFO OF VNU

Haarlem, The Netherlands – VNU, a leading global information and media company, today announced that Frans Cremers has elected to retire as member of the Executive Board and as Chief Financial Officer of VNU N.V., as of July 1st, 2005. Frans Cremers has indicated that by that time, after almost nine years with VNU, he wishes to pursue other interests and to spend more time with his family.

Frans Cremers has been CFO and a member of the Executive Board since 1997. Prior to joining VNU, Frans Cremers worked for the Royal Dutch/Shell Group for 21 years in a number of countries in a variety of management positions.

"Frans Cremers has made a significant contribution to VNU. I am grateful for his support, in particular with regards to VNU's transformation process, in which he played a pivotal role. I will miss his contribution and financial leadership in the Board, but respect his wish to create a different work/life balance, after many years of service to the company", commented Rob van den Bergh, Chairman and CEO of VNU.

Frans Cremers has agreed to act as an advisor to the Chairman, from July 1st, 2005 till December 31st, 2006.

The appointment of a successor to Frans Cremers will be subject of a later announcement.

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VNU is a global information and media company with leading market positions and recognized brands in marketing information (ACNielsen), media measurement and information (Nielsen Media Research), business information (Billboard, The Hollywood Reporter, Computing, Intermediair) and directory publishing (Golden Pages).

VNU is active in more than 100 countries, with headquarters in Haarlem, The Netherlands and New York, USA. The company employs 38,000 people. Total revenues amounted to EUR 4.3 billion in 2002. VNU is listed on the Euronext Amsterdam (ASE: VNU) stock exchange. For more information, please visit the VNU website at www.vnu.com

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